

REMARKS

Claims 49 and 51-67 were pending, of which all but claim 53 have been rejected. Claim 53, reciting that both outer cutters are inactive, in that they are not independently driven to move with respect to their mounting frames, was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, and simply to advance the case to prompt allowance, Applicants have amended claim 49 to include the limitations of claim 53 and intervening claim 51, essentially making pending claim 49 correspond to allowable claim 53. The amendments to claim 49 also include a clarifying amendment to what was the last paragraph of claim 49, and correction of the term "third undercutter" to properly refer only to a "second undercutter" in the context of the claim, but these additional amendments are not believed to be germane to patentability. Thus, the above amendment is submitted as responsive to all outstanding claim rejections and placing the claims in condition for allowance. New dependent claim 68 is essentially canceled claim 50, considered by the Examiner earlier and canceled by Applicants in error, and presents no new subject matter for consideration.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed, and that claims 49, 52 and 54-68 are now in condition for allowance. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment.


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